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SUBJ: CAIRNS AND THE FIJI CONNECTION

1. RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN AUSTRALIA THAT RESULTED IN DISMISSAL OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CAIRNS HAVE, IN MANNER NOT YET MADE CLEAR, BEARING ON FIJI. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS HERE, LETTER FROM GOVERNMENT PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES TO PHILIP CAIRNS, THANKING LATTER FOR BRINGING MOUSTAFA GALAL TO FIJI, HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC IN AUSTRALIA. LETTER REFERS TO "DISCUSSIONS" AND "MUTUAL BENEFITS WHICH COULD ACCRUE FOR BOTH FIJI AND THE INVESTORS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST", WITH MENTION OF AN OIL REFINERY AND OTHER INVESTMENTS. FIJI TIMES ATTEMPTS TO RAISE MATTER WITH COMMERCE MINISTER AND PERMANENT SECRETARY HAVE ALL MET WITH "NO COMMENT". ALLEGED VISIT TO FIJI BY GALAL AND CAIRNS TOOK PLACE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO.

2. IN EDITORIAL JULY 3, TIMES NOTES DIFFICULTY IT HAS HAD IN GETTING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS MATTER, AND ASKS FOR OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: WAS CAIRNS ACTING IN PRIVATE CAPACITY AS BUSINESS BROKER BETWEEN FIJI AND GALA, OR AS REPRESENTATIVE OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT? IF PRIVATE CAPACITY, WAS HE PAID COMMISSION? WERE NEGOTIATIONS DISCUSSED

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IN GOVERNMENT CABINET MEETING? WHO IS GALA?

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